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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 678
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Brandon E. Moore on his numerous accomplishments.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially recognize and commend our outstanding students who work hard, achieve academic success and generously give of their time and leadership abilities to worthwhile civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Brandon E. Moore, who was recently chosen as the Boys and Girls Club Tennessee Youth of the Year, is one such estimable student; and

WHEREAS, he grew up being involved in the exemplary Morristown Boys and Girls Club. He and five other students created the popular singing group "423" which performs for youth clubs throughout the Southeast; and

WHEREAS, Brandon is a leader of extraordinary ability and accomplishment at school, in his community, church, and family; he is an excellent role model that persons of his age, or any age, can look to with confidence, for encouragement and example; and

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WHEREAS, a highly regarded junior at Morristown Hamblen East High School, with a strong realization that a good education is a solid foundation for success, he has excelled academically and plans to be the first member of his family to attend college. He has even encouraged his other family members to pursue further education, stressing their potential; and

WHEREAS, Brandon has an exceptional 3.85 grade point average, while still taking mostly advanced courses; and

WHEREAS, his extracurricular activities include serving as the current student body vice-president, as president-elect for next year, as a member of the school's Student Council all three years, as captain of the Scholar Bowl team, as a member of the prestigious All-State High School Choir, has a lead role in the Junior-Senior play, and has served admirably as president of both the Beta Club and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, as chaplain of the Chamber Singers, and as a member of the Nutrition Club. He also helps with the school sound system; and

WHEREAS, having served as captain of the basketball team and being the conference champion in the 400 meter run, this versatile scholar-athlete has received the Outstanding Athlete Award for his many athletic abilities; and

WHEREAS, Brandon's numerous other honors include first place in the Arbor Day Essay Contest, the school's Perfect Attendance Award for five years, the Dillard's/*News Sentinel* 1999 Student Citizen Award, and being named as the "Tennessee Middle School Student of the Year"; and

WHEREAS, with his many accomplishments and honors, the most impressive aspect of his life is Brandon's sincere compassion and deep desire to help others; he spends countless hours tutoring other students and speaking eloquently to community groups. Recognizing his tremendous speaking ability and capacity for leadership, his school and various community and civic groups, such as the United Way, are constantly asking him to speak on their behalf; and

WHEREAS, a resolute Christian, Brandon Moore faithfully serves the Lord as a devout member of the Bethel Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, as the organizer and president of a church group, Cornerstone, Brandon and the group have made a positive difference in many lives in the Morristown area, working to get adults involved with young children through picnics, carnivals, and trips to the University of Tennessee and Carson-Newman University; and

WHEREAS, one of Brandon's favorite activities is talking to youth about becoming more involved in church programs, teaching them to live right and giving them the moral foundation through Biblical Scriptures to do so. He also serves as the Regional Youth Ministry Vice-President; and

WHEREAS, his peers also seek to learn from his example and sage advice; and

WHEREAS, Brandon was raised in a single-parent home, the son of Trulette E. Moore, who is very proud of her son, as he has been very loyal and helpful to his mother and to his beloved great-grandmother, before her death; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to honor this exceptional young Tennessean on his numerous accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and commend Brandon Moore and wish him much continued success in his future endeavors, including his participation in the National Boys and Girls Club Youth of the Year Competition.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.